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SUBJ: 30TH GA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT. THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MET 29 SEPTEMBER AND ACCEPTED CREDENTIALS OF SOME 124 DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THOSE OF CHILE AND ISRAEL. LIBYA SPOKE AT LENGTH AGAINST ISRAEL; THE USSR AND MONGOLIA BRIEFLY ON CHILE. WE EXPECT PLENARY TO TAKE UP THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT LATER DURING THE CURRENT WEEK. CONDUCT AT THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TODAY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ESTIMATE THAT ANTI-ISRAELI AND ANTI-CHILEAN VIEWPOINTS IN THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE CONFINED TO STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD. SOUTH AFRICA WAS NOT RAISED IN THE COMMITTEE; WHILE THERE IS NO EVIDENCE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THAT IT MAY BE RAISED IN PLENARY NOTWITHSTANDING SOUTH AFRICAN NON-PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY AND COMMENT.

2. DETAILS, AS WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE BY SUY, MALI NOMINATED BELGIUM AS CHAIRMAN, COSTA RICA SUPPORTED, AND THE ELECTION WAS WITHOUT OPPOSITION. SUY COMMENTED ON THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
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MEMORANDUM (COPY TO BAKER, UNP) THAT (A) 91 DELEGATIONS

HAVE SUBMITTED CREDENTIALS ISSUED BY THE HEAD OF STATE OF GOVERNMENT OR BY MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN CONFORMITY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 27 OF THE ASSEMBLY'S RULES OF PROCEDURE; (B) APPOINTMENTS OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY CABLES FROM FOREIGN MINISTERS; AND (C) APPOINTMENTS OF 31 REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED BY NOTES VERBALE FROM PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES. SUY SUGGESTED THAT, CONSISTENT WITH PAST PRACTICE, THE COMMITTEE SHOULD ACCEPT THE CREDENTIALS OF THESE 124 DELEGATIONS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT REPRESENTATIVES IN CATEGORIES (B) AND (C) WHO DO NOT HAVE STANDING FULL POWERS TO REPRESENT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL SUBMIT FORMAL CREDENTIALS SHORTLY.

3. LIBYA ASKED FOR THE FLOOR AND MADE A LENGTHY STATEMENT ON ISRAEL. ELEMENTS INCLUDED ASSERTIONS THAT ISRAELI DENIAL OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS TO SELF-DETERMINATION ACCOUNTS FOR THE UN'S SEIZURE OF THE QUESTION OF PALESTINE SINCE 1947; ISRAELI EVICTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND TRAGIC PLIGHT OF THE REFUGEES; ILLEGALITY OF THE 1947 PARTITION ; ADMISSION OF ISRAEL INTO THE UN BY GA RESOLUTION 273 (III) WAS ONLY A QUALIFIED ADMISSION, THE CONDITIONS OF WHICH INCLUDE RESETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN PALESTINE; THE ZIONIST GOVERNMENT IS A COLONIAL AND RACIAL REGIME; "ITS PRACTICE OF GENOCIDE AND MASS SLAUGHTER IS AIMED AT THE ENTIRE DESTRUCTION OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE". FOR THESE REASONS LIBYA "REGISTERS ITS STRONGEST RESERVATIONS ON THE ZIONIST CREDENTIALS", ASKED THAT THE STATEMENT BE INCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT TO PLENARY, AND RESERVED ITS FREEDOM OF ACTION IN PLENARY ON THE MATTER. THERE WAS ALSO A SLASH OR TWO AT U.S. IN LIBYAN REMARKS.

4. THE USSR (TULINOV) STATED BRIEFLY THAT THE "USSR DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE CREDENTIALS OF THE CHILEAN FASCISTS REGIME" AND ASKED THAT THIS RESERVATION BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. MONGOLIA FOLLOWED SUIT, PARROTING SOVIET POSITION WORD FOR WORD.

5. AMBASSADOR BENNETT OBSERVED THAT THESE STATEMENTS CONSTITUTE AN ABUSE OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, WHOSE PURPOSE IS VERIFICATION OF POWERS, WHICH SHOULD BE A ROUTINE PROCEDURAL MATTER. IF OTHER DELEGATIONS DEALT WITH CREDENTIALS IN THIS WAY, AS TO WHICH GOVERNMENTS WERE LIKED AND WHICH NOT LIKED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE A LONG DEBATE AND, IF ACTION WERE CONSISTENT WITH SUCH VIEWS, THERE WOULD BE A FAR SMALLER UNITED NATIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE SOME INTERESTING EXCHANGES IF, AS THE SOVIET AND MONGOLIA HAD SUGGESTED, CHALLENGES WERE REGARDED AS IN ORDER AGAINST DELEGATIONS REPRESENTING GOVERNMENTS UNDER MILITARY LEADERSHIP WHICH HAD TAKEN POWER AS THE RESULT OF THE USE OF FORCE.

6. THE CHAIRMAN THEN SOUGHT AND RECEIVED AGREEMENT, ON A NON-OBJECTION BASIS, FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION WHOSE PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS (A) TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE MEETING, (B) ACCEPT THE CREDENTIALS ALREADY RECEIVED (I.E., INCLUDING CHILE, ISRAEL), AND (C) CALL FOR PROVISIONAL SEATING FOR THOSE OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED CREDENTIALS. HE ALSO OBTAINED NO-OBJECTION AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO THE ASSEMBLY A RESOLUTION READING:

"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

"APPROVES THE FIRST REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE."

7. THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT WILL GO TO PLENARY WHERE, WE UNDERSTAND, PRESIDENT THORN WILL BRING IT TO THE FLOOR LATER DURING THE CURRENT WEEK. (FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE ISRAEL'S GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT AFTERNOON 30 SEPTEMBER. THE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SECOND MEETING WHEN THE SECRETARIAT RECEIVES A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE BATCH OF OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS. MOYNIHAN

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